◆ High School News ◆

Senior Items

By Constance Fulp

The Senior English Class under the sponsorship of Mrs. Helene Welch has been having a study of business letters. Under this heading the study has centered around letters and telegrams and informal notes.

Mr. LeRoy Smith spoke to the class on the subject of letters.

Dot West talked to the class about the telephone and the work of the operator. Afterwards the class was invited down to the "central office" to see the work in action.

Wednesday, Mr. C. S. McDearmon gave us a talk aboout telegrams, cablegrams, night letters, and day letters.

Thursday, Mr. R. L. Burke will speak to the class about checks and other matters pertaining to this subject.

The Creative English Class is studying and making a unit on poetry.

Misses Hilda Wagers, Juanita Wilmer and Maxine Glenn visited in the school last week.

Quite a number of dishes have been given to the new cafeteria through the Senior class.

The Senior class regrets the accident that happened to Rev. Redding Friday at the football game, and we wish for him a speedy recovery.

News of Young Americans

—CIVICS CLUB

The Cicics class of Miss Virginia Christian organized a "Young American Club" with the following officers:

President, Ilah Buchanan
Vice-president, Thomas Smith
Secretary and treasurer, Mary Helen Johnston
Parliamentarian, Mary Martin
Reporter, Frances Harvey.

The club chose as its colors blue and gold, and flower the yellow rose.

The following program was presented:

Humorous reading, Ilah Buchanan.
Debate: Grances Gordon, Mary Martin, Gerald Childers and Robert McDermott.
Jokes, Baynith Moore.

The club will hold its meetings on Tuesday of each week.

—Reporter, Frances Harvey.

DRAMA—

Monday night a number of the members of the Drama Class motored to Richmond, Va., to see the performance of Miss Cornelia Otis Skinner. The members who attended were: Mary Jones, Hilda Mitchll, Alice Smith, Ruby Lee Hudgins, Mabel Wilkes, Harriette Smith, Majorie Bingham, Ruth Thomas and Constance Fulp. They were accompanied by Misses Elaine McDearmon, Kate O'Brien, Mary B. Morgan and Mrs James McDearmon. The performance centered around the loves of Charles II.

Junior News

By Dot Johnson

The undefeated girls' basketball team will play Darlington Heights there this afternoon. Miss Lucy LeGrand, coach, states that she is proud of the team. They defeated Pamplin Tuesday, 16 to 6.

The school has been presented with a first aid kit by Dr. Charles F. James.

We are very sorry that Rev. R. E. Redding had the misfortune to receive a leg injury while watching the football game last Friday. He is being presented with a gift today.

The football team won 13 to 6 yesterday from Midway.

Billy Bobbitt, 7 year old son of Mrs. Agnes Bobbitt, is reported in fair condition at the Baptist hospital, suffering from a chest injury. He was injured yesterday morning when struck by a school bus.

Miss Flora Belle Williams accompanied him to the hospital.

Paris says 17 German submarines have been destroyed.

Vatican expresses concern over fate of church in Poland.

Reports success in efforts to establish clinics on veneral diseases.

National auto show on in New York this week.

Sophomores

By Clara Whitney Moses

Mrs. S. L. Ferguson presented a picture of Mr. S. L Ferguson to the school. It was hung in the auditorium.

The Sophomore girls had charge of the chapel program, and presented a play.

Ruby Lee Hudgins attended the play, "Loves of Charles II" by Cornelia Otis Skinner, in Richmond Monday night, with the drama class.

Miss O'Brien appointed the following for the room committee: Iris Jones, Hazel Jones and Gladys Jones.

Helen Smith spent Wednesday night with Ruby Lee Hudgins.

Dr. Charles F James presented a nice first aid kit to the school. It was appreciated by all.

Freshmen

By Hazel Schutt

Appomattox played Pamplin in girls' basketball Tuesday, and the score was 16 to 6 in favor of Appomattox. The Freshmen basketball team is composed of Helen Mitchell, Catherine Christian, Harriett Cale, and Rebecca Johnson. Catherine went to Pamplin Tuesday.

Friday, Appomattox played Fluvana and the score was 2 to 0 in favor of Fluvana.

Miss Hazel Schutt spent Sunday in Danville.

The Freshman class has a new student, Miss Jeanette Hancock.

Short Story

This little "mystery-ette" was written by Kitty Cabell, a member of the Creative English Class of the Appomattox high school:

HERITAGE

He rose slowly from the bed and moved steathily lest he be detected—a shadowy, rather grotesque figure against the bright background that was the glare of the street lamps.

Moving cautiously, he groped for his wife's dressing table, curled his fingers around the knob and pulled out the drawer. Several minutes of futile searching went by before the desired object could be found.

He drew it out, flashing it boldly, ..rather defiantly. No one would ever know, he thought, glancing at his wife who was sleeping in the other twin bed. He turned, pulled on his coat, opened the closet door and drew out a mask. With this on, he tiptoed to Marie's bed. She was sleeping peacefully, innocently unaware of the danger that lurked in his hand. He felt no guilt, even as he looked down at her fair face on the pillow.. visible in the light of the street lamp. Then he drew the ugly thing up and held it one fleeting moment, gazing at it intently.

Resolutely he laid it under the pillow.. the antique brooch that Aunt L'en had left to Marie (it was worth a fortune), hoping that no one would molest it until he could visit a pawn-shop tomorrow! He slipped out to celebrate the event with a little session of poker with the boys! It was Hallowe'en.

—Kitty Cabell.

Salemen Wanted

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German submarine sinks warship in Scapa Flow.

Marble Table Tops

From Elizabethan England come records of marble stone table tops in 1588, although it was not until the early part of the Eighteenth century that marble appeared as an important furnishing feature in England. Its use in Italy most probably predates this, since the natural resources there and the architectural character of the furniture would both encourage the use of marble.

Giants' Causeway

There is no natural phenomenon anywhere to compare to the Giants' Causeway, on the northern coast of Ireland, with its piled masses of hexagonal rocks, a gigantic and fantastic honeycomb in stone. It is one of the wonders of the world. No highway by the sea surpasses in grandeur the magnificent coast road which leads to it.

Canada's Status

Canada, like Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, is a self-governing part of the British empire or Commonwealth of Nations. She pays no taxes to the mother country and is not bound to render her military help in time of war. Her governor-general is appointed by the king on the advice of the Canadian ministry, and has a theoretical veto power over legislation. The supreme judicial authority of the British empire is the judicial committee of the Privy council in London, before which appeals may be brought (in the form of a petition to the crown) from consular courts and courts of vice-admiralty and from the courts of India and every British dominion. India has a limited amount of self-government with two native legislative chambers. Other portions of the empire consist of crown colonies and protectorates.

Consecration

Consecration is not wrapping one's self in a holy web in the sanctuary; it is going into the world and using every power for God's glory.
—Henry Ward Beecher.

What About Mu?

The mythical continent of Mu is pictured as having sunk in the Pacific just as the equally mythical land of Atlantis in the Atlantic. A map of Mu which has been exhibited is a contour map of the bottom of the Pacific ocean based on soundings. Hindu tablets discovered in India are alleged to show that the continent of Mu sank about 10,000 B. C., destroying 64,000,000 persons, including a ruling race of whites. None of these, nor their works, were saved, unless we except the carved rocks on some of the South Sea islands, the peaks of which were not submerged. Lemuria is another hypothetical continent in the Indian ocean, including Madagascar and other islands and home of the genus of mammals known as lemurs.

Joke File on Sale

Jokes of almost every type are offered for sale in the vast collection compiled by Fred Duprez, a famous English comedian, who died recently. Included are his sketches, songs, monologues, patter, wisecracks and many other types of laugh-provokers. As displayed in London all are efficiently compiled in a complete filing system, with index, neat paper packages carefully labeled and looseleaf notebooks beautifully typed and tabulated.

There are reams of patter on marriage, mothers-in-law, lodgers, and horse racing. There are two minute blackout revue sketches, many pages of quick-fire gags for a pair of comedians. There is also material for toastmasters, also quips for introducing artists or speakers.

Value of Refrigeration

In scientific research work in the preservation of cultures, in working with toxins and anti-toxins, electric refrigeration is invaluable. Regular electric refrigerators work admirably in many phases of research work, because of their close temperature operation within the limited temperature range required.

Vera Personals

Vera, Oct. 18.- Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Coleman, Mrs. Maude Abbitt Roberta and Elizabeth Robertson spent Sunday afternoon in Lynchburg with Mrs. Tommy Covington.

Miss Edna Chernault visited relatives in Buckingham and Prospect Sunday.

Mrs. Percy Thompson, of Gladstone spent Monday night with her aunt, Mrs. Maude Abbitt.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J Chernault, Ethel and Wanda Chernault spent Sunday night with Mrs. J. D. Childers.

The W. M. S. group meeting will be held at New Hope church October 27th in an all-day meeting. Mrs James Laws will be the guest speaker.

The community league met at the Vera school last Wednesday night, with a good attendance.

Friends are sorry to hear of the illness of R. W. Morris. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Miss Dorothy O'Brien, of Richmond was the week-end guest of her parents.

Miss Ola Carter, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with her parents.

Mrs. R. H. Coleman spent Monday with Mrs. Jesse Turnes.

Misses Ellen Wilson and Annie Robertson callel on Edna Chernault Thursday evening.

White House cuts out annual state dinners.

Survey of ppublic opininn reveals favors repeal of U. S. embargo.

This newspaper was established in 1892.

Senator Glass better after recent illness.

Suggestions For Fall Wear

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JAY JOHNS LAUDS EFFORTS OF VA. PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES

Chairman of Board is Principal Speaker at Employees' Gathering; Workers Receive Service Emblems; Raymond Hunt Honored for 35 Years Service with Utility

Jay Johns, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Public Service Company, was principal speaker at an employee gathering recently held in Alexandria for the presentation of service emblems to 58 employees.

Among other things, Mr. Johns stated "Loyalty to duty and sincerity of purpose are essential in the accomplishment of any worth while job. VPS employees have been of great help to the Board of Directors and officers of the Company by sincere and loyal performance of their varied duties."

M. J. O'Connell, President of the Company, presented service emblems to employees of the General Office who had served the Company continuously for periods of from 5 to 35 years.

14 Employees received 5-year emblems; 25 received 10-year emblems; 15 received 15-year emblems.

Frank A. Mitchell, Vice President and General Manager, and Joseph M. Costello, Secretary and Treasurer, were presented 20-year service emblems.

Chas. W. Wood, Superintendent of Transportation for the entire organization, has been with the Company 30 years. He began his activity in the Eastern Division with headquarters at Newport News but is now located in Alexandria.

Raymond Hunt, Superintendent of Electric Operations with headquarters at Charlottesville, was presented with a 35-year emblem, having started his utility career in 1903 immediately after leaving LeHigh University, where he majored in Electrical Engineering.

Mr. Leo P. Harlow, Associate Counsel of the Company for many years, presented Mr. O'Connell with a 25-year service emblem. Mr. O'Connell was formerly owner and operator of the Warrenton (Va.) Electric Light and Ice Company. In 1927 he became Northern Division Manager of the Virginia Public Service Company and in 1938 became its president.

The General Office employees through Mr. Harlow and by means of an autographed booklet, extended their congratulations to Mr. O'Connell on his 25th year of service to the Company. The booklet bore the signatures of all the General Office employees and was introduced by the following message: "This booklet of autographs is presented to Martin J. O'Connell, President of the Virginia Public Service Company, by the employees of the General Office, as a token of affection, regard and esteem to one who, in guiding the Company's destinies in times of stress and strain, has been calm and clear-thinking; efficient in the discharge of his duties; patient with the short-comings of others, and understandingly considerate of the welfare of all employees."

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FATHER DARLEAF'S COLUMN

by c. h. r.

Quite the best yarn of the week was the account of Mose, the darkey who was in the pen awaiting the gallows. As the day of the hanging approached, Mose got powerful upset. Someone told him his only chance was for the governor to pardon him. So.... Mose sat up all night long, writing his plea to the governor for his life. The next day the governor got the following letter: "Does you realize, Mr. Governor, dat they is fixin' ter hang me Friday, and here 'tis Tuesday?"

Four Evergreen business men,.. one of them a farmer, one a chicken raiser and farmer, one a railroad section foreman, and one a mechanic, have pooled resources and have had constructed a large dam, some 250 feet long and perhaps 20 feet high that will form a lake covering several acres of land. This lake will be stocked with fish and frogs, and in time doubtless will attract ducks, and other waterfowl. It so happens that each of the owners of this lake has a name beginning with the letter "J"— namely, J. M. Clapp, on whose farm the lake is situated, together with J. A. Young, J. R. Hamilton, and Jim Inge. Quite appropriately, they have named their lake the "4 J's." This is a private lake, constructed for the pleasure and recreation of the families immediately interested, and it is understood there will be no boating or fishing for the general public, for hire or otherwise.

Thanks to W. W. Farrar for the above news paragraph.

And here is another paragraph from Mr. Farrar's interesting pen: The writer has for a long time looked with derision on those people mostly feminine, who insist on looking under beds, in closets or other imaginary hiding places before extinguishing the light; and hereby hangs a tale. During one of the recent cold nights he rather hastily got into bed, but soon found that all was not right. Somehow, the bed did not feel right, and when he received a sharp jab in the arm, he got out of bed rather quicker than he got in. What kind of bedfellow do you suppose he found? On making a light, ...it was a big wasp! By the way, an army of wasps, evidently seeking a winter haven, drove the ladies Adult class from their room at the Evergreen Baptist church last Sunday!

Many Legislative Problems Ahead In The Old Dominion

(By VPA)

Richmond, Oct. 25.- Members of the Virginia General Assembly who will be elected at the polls November 7th will have a heavy legislative program ready when they convene in January for the regular biennial session. Probably holding chief interest at this time is the educational program, which apparently will revolve about the question of available funds. The full "three-point" program for the schools is estimated to require about $5,100,000 more per year than the present appropriation. Governor Price has stated he would build his budget around the schools. He has also said there will be no tax increases, there will be a balanced budget. The State Department of Education's three-point program provides a minimum $720 salary per teacher unit, free textbooks and a "sound" retirement plan for teachers.

Abolition of the fee system as a means of compensating sheriffs and certain city sergeants is another major question scheduled to come before the 1940 legislature. The fee question, tied up with a long-debated program of jail and penal reform which has been under study for the past few years, may be held for more minute examination by the time the lawmakers convene as a result of a state-wide audit of criminal costs which is being pushed toward completion by state auditor L. McCarthy Downs at the request of the Governor.

There are many other subjects sure to demand attention of the assemblymen. The state hospital board is anxious to see additional funds made available to permit the fireproofing of numerous old bluldings at the institutions for mental patients, where some of the present structures have been labeled "fire traps." After a long study of the highway systems, a special commission has recommended the consolidation of the primary and secondary systems into one system in order to simplify construction and administration, and also the creation of a discretionary fund for allocation where needed without regard to construction districts. The commission also has revived a controversial issue of 1938 by endorsing by a one-vote margin a proposal to prohibit road fund diversions by an amendment to the state constitution. Another study group has submitted a plan for laying the foundation for a merit system for state employees and a bill carrying this proposal is expected to be introduced.

Anticipating the question of where to get the money to finance the three-point school program, the Virginia Education Association engaged a university economist to study the Virginia tax system with a view of finding new sources of revenue. The result was a report that the Old Dominion could boost its present tax revenues by $8,000,000 a year and still be below the "average" for the South. The talk of taxes and the fact that state agencies and institutions asked the Governor and his advisory committee on the budget for about $20,000,000 more than will be available for appropriation gave rise to counter moves by other groups, notably the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce to see Virginia continue without tax increases. Governor Price spiked most of the speculation when he announced a balanced budget was the 1940-42 goal. But the question still persists, "where is the money coming from?"

To Present Medals To Dairy Teams

Assistant county agent, J. F. Blair has received handsome gold medals from the state 4-H Club leader's office for presentation to the two members of the county winning team in the national 4-H Dairy Production Demonstration contest. The activity stimulates dairy club members to acquire information, skill and understanding of recommended dairy practices. The winners are Joe Ferrel, of the Appomattox Senior Club and Roy Moon, also of the Appomattox Senior club. The medals will be presented at the 4-H Achievement program to be held on Appomattox Friday, October 27.

Share the road and do not pass cars going over hills or around curves.

Committee Is Chosen Here

County Committeemen Named

As the result of elections held here this week, the following soil conservation committees were named:

Stonewall district: I. B. Wheeler, chairman; H. D. Reynolds, vice-chairman; Clarence F. Moore. First alternate, J. A. Mann; second alternate, J. R Burnette.

Southside district: C. C. Harvey, chairman; D. M. Harris, vice-chairman; F. O. Jones. First alternate, W. P. Ferrell; second alternate, B. C. Cole.

Clover Hill district: Hunter F. Martin, chairman; A. W. Covington, vice-chairman; J. L. Torrence. First alternate, H. W. Jenkins; second alternate, George Perdieu.

The following have been designated to meet tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 to elect the county board: for Stonewall district, J. O. Davidson; for Southside district, D. M. Harris; for Clover Hill district, P. H. McPhillips; alternates: W. T. Childress, F. O. Jones and E. H. Carson.

LIBRARY NEWS —

By Josephine Murray

The Library Club of the Appomattox High School began its meeting for the new school session on October 6, 1939. Thirteen members remained in the club from the preceeding year. Charles T. Moses, the former president, presided. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President, Constance Fulp
Vice-president, James Sites
Secretary and treasurer, Myrtle Williams
Reporter, Josephine Murray.

A committee was appointed to suggest new members for the club. It consisted of Lois Moss, chairman, and Pete Evans, and James Redding. Invitations were sent and the new members are:

Seniors: David Christian, Ilah Buchanan, Jack Tureman.
Juniors: Guy Cabell, Billy Moses, Fred Smith;
Sophomores: Margaret Stratton, Clara Moses, Billy Redding, Eddie Scott Cates;
Freshmen: Catherine Christian, June Johnston.

The club will hold its regular monthly meeting on the second Monday night each month at 7:30.

A special meeting has been called for Monday October 30, 1939.

Troops oust two Louisana officials.

Local Lions Club to Have Charter Night Banquet Tonight

4-H CLUB PROGRAM

"The Awakening of Rip Van Winkle," is the theme of the 4-H Club Achievement Program, which will be held in the Appomattox school auditorium on Friday, October 27 at 7:30. Every 4-H Club member, parent and friend is invited to attend.

Elvin Caldwell and Ellen Martin will preside over the program for the evening. Features of the program include: selections by the Vera 4-H Club Chorus, a folk dance by the Oakville 4-H Club, and reports on the summer courses held. There will also be stunts and songs by the entire group.

"Fun and Health," a playlet in two scenes will be presented by the Liberty Chapel 4-H Club. The characters are: Alice Booker, Peggy Christian, Jack McGregson, Eleanor Smith, Lewis Harris and all the girls in the Liberty Chapel Club.

Services At Evergreen Presbyterian Church

The Rev. H. L. Reeves, of Pamplin, will preach at the Evergreen Presbyterian church the fifth Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock. All are invited to attend.

U. D. C. Met Yesterday

The U. D. C. met yesterday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Ola Patteson. Miss Louise Gills had charge of the program. Subjects were "History of the South," in pageant form, and "Jefferson Davis after the War." Miss Gills recently won awards on each of these subjects.

BOWLING LEAGUE STANDING

Week of October 16-21

Team	W	L
Casco	7	2
Shoe Shop	6	3
Esso	6	3
Independents	6	3
Ramsey	6	3
Auto Service	3	6
Hardware	2	7
Moses (For Ladies)	0	9
Bees	5	4
Quinns	4	5

Over 125 members of the Appomattox Lions Club and from clubs in nearby towns, with their ladies, are expected to attend a banquet tonight at 7:15 in the dining room of the new Appomattox high school, when District Lions Governor, Elmer L. Bristow, of Petersburg, will present the new Appomattoy civic club its charter. The occasion will be known as "Charter Night."

All twenty-one members of the Appomattox Lions Club are expected to be present, to welcome visiting Lions from Lynchburg, Farmville, Altavista, South Boston, Lawrenceville and other towns.

Lion President John C. Caldwell will open the program, followed by invocation by Don Moses. Ladies of the community league will serve the banfuet. President Caldwell will introduce visiting clubs, and they will be welcomed by R. L. Burke. Past District Governor, W. M. Black, of Lynchburg, will be presented by C. T. Moses, and will make a brief address.

District Governor Elmer L. Bristow will be introduced by W. M. Abbitt. He will present the charter, and it will be accepted by President Caldwell.

Following the banquet, there will be a Lions Club dance at Sears, with music by Coy Miller's orchestra.

This new club promises to add much to the civic life of Appomattox. Lions is an international service organization, with a commendable record of public service.

Army Seeks Recruits

Sergeant Jackson L. Kapham, of the U. S. Army Recruiting Service, stationed with the Richmond Recruiting District, which is under the command of Colonel K. T. Smth, Infantry, with headquarters in Richmond, for the state of Virginia, was in Appomattox yesterday and is traveling throughout Appomattox county seeking recruits to enlist in the Army.

Sergeant Kapham states that there are many vacancies in the Army for duty in the States, Hawaii, Panama or Phillipines. Applicants applying for enlistment have their choice as the branch of service and station desired.

There are a number of young men in the vicinity of Appomattox and in the county who desire to enlist, but are not acquainted with the necessary qualifications. If you have reached your 18th and not passed your 35th birthday, single, without dependents, of good moral character, American citizen, can read and write the English language, you are eligible for enlistment. The enlistment period is for three years, pay ranges from $21 to $30 per month, and in addition to this specialists receive additional compensation from $3 to $30 per month; you are also furnished clothing, board, lodging, medical and dental attenion free. You pay is clear.

High school graduates have the opportunity of enlisting in the Air Service, also skilled mechanics, cooks and journeymen desider for this branch of service, for duty at Langley Field, Va., or Bolling Field, Washington.

For further information concerning the advantages and opportunities offered in your Army, call or write to the Army Recruiting Service, Parcel Post Building, Richmond, Va. or Post Office Building, Lynchburg, Va., or secure application blanks at your local post office.

Renew your subscription.

Lions Club ha scharter night tonight.

Play safe: drive carefully!

Attend church regularly.

Heavy rains slow down military tion on western front.

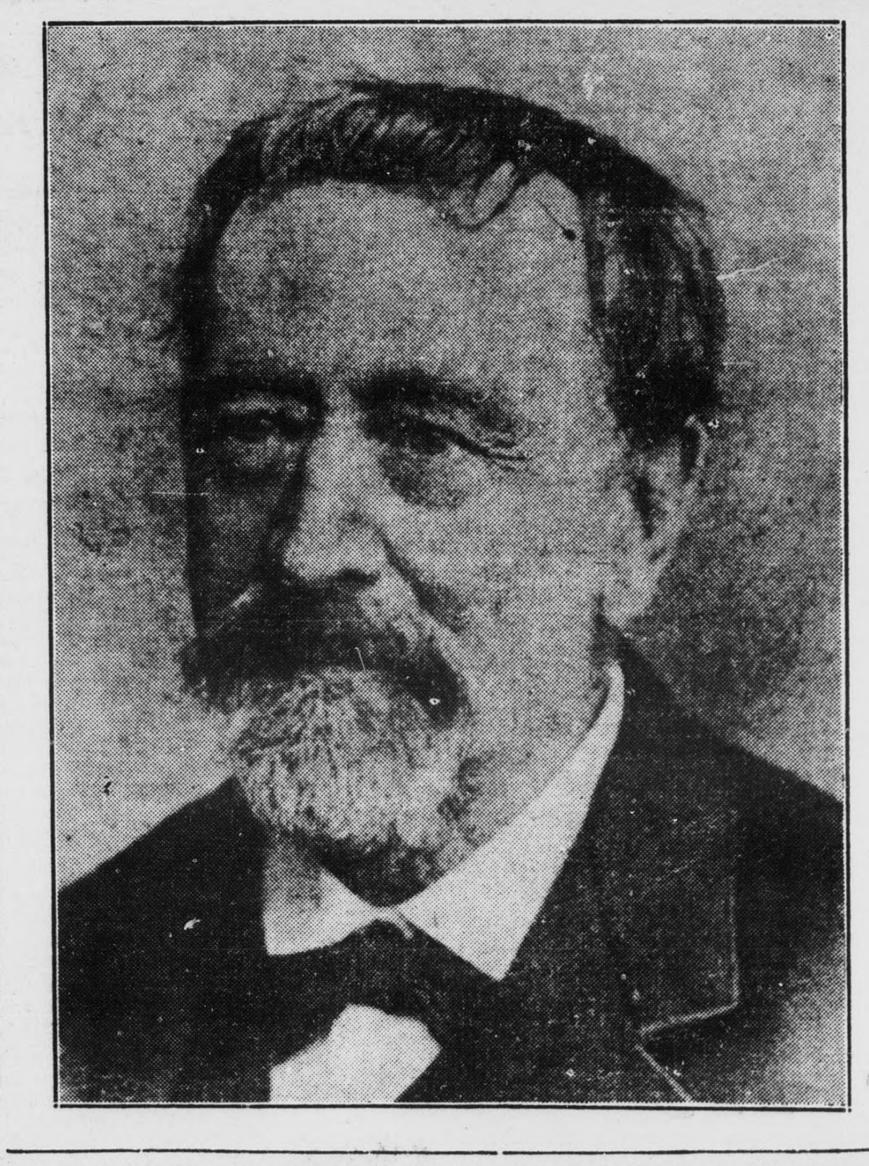
New stadium in Lynchburg to be dedicated Saturday with football game between Washington and Lee and V. P. I.

Japan takes more friendly tone toward United States.

American ship is seized by Germans at sea and carried to Russian port under German flag.

Life Story of Thos. S. Bocock, Famous Appomattox Citizen

By N. R. FEATHERSTON



An open invitation has been extended to the public to write on the political life of the late Thomas S. Bocock. While I shall make a feeble attempt to write on that subject, I shall also touch on his social life, as any write-up of his political life would be incomplete without the social side.

As the wheels of time roll on, each day bringing into the world souls great and small, as bright a star as decked the sky peeped down into old Buckingham County, Virginia, on the 15th day of May, 1815, and welcomed into this world the spirit of Thomas Salem Bocock, and from that time on that bright star of intellect and high character was his guide, and never did that star have to dim its light on account of its subject failing to measure up to the highest standard. That star led him through his young days on into old Hampden- Sydney College, entering there in 1837, and graduating in 1838 with an A. B. degree and the highest honors of his class. (He was able to graduate in one year of having studied under his older brother, Col. Willis P. Bocock, who was a graduate of Hampden- Sydney.)

From the close of his school days he was very active in politics and the practice of law. If he possessed political ambitions, it was not necessary for him to make that fact known, for, being a young man of such brilliant mind, gigantic intellect, his powers as a debater, his oratorical powers, his unvarying courtesy, pleasing personality were all so naturally outstandinf that his people were always ready to press him forward to any position of honor in their power to bestow upon him, and the political historian who fails to place the name of Thomas S. Bocock among the brightest stars of fame to shine while roll the wheels of time, leaves that history incomplete.

In 1842, when a young man, he was sent to the Legislature from Buckingham County, and when the County of Appomattox was formed in 1845, he was made the first Commonwealth Attorney. The people soon realized that the mantle of Attorney for the Commonwealth of a county did not fit the statue of Tom Bocock, and they very wisely elected him to Congress of the United States for fourteen consecutive years. During that time he made such a favorable impression on his, the Democratic party, that they placed his name in nomination for Speaker of the House, and the Republicans nominated against him Hon. John Sherman, of Ohio. On the first ballot between these two intellectual giants, there was a tie, and for the unprecendented time of eight weeks they continued to tie on each ballot. Then for the good of the country, they each withdrew from the race and Mr. William Pennington, of New Jersey was elected.

Mr. Bocock was the leader of his party in Congress as well as leader of Congress, therefore, he was chosen by Congress to deliver an eulogy on Washington at the unveiling of the Houdon Statue. The speech he delivered on that occasion was a masterpiece in every respect.

By this time he had so favorably impressed upon the people of the United States his geniality, his high sense of duty to his people, his courtesy at all times, his consideration of the rights of others, his firmness in his convictions as to a principle, his brilliantical gifts, his powers in debate, showed in marked degree that he possessed every essential to make him the logical candidate for the high office of President of the United States, that they were ready to place the banner of their party in his hand, which office he was as capable of filling as any man who ever occupied the Presidential chair. That eventful, but fateful, period, the four years from 1861 to 1865, which cast such a gloom over our fair Southland, blasted, not only the future political success of this brilliant son of the United States, but many others of that period who happened to have the honor of residing south of the Mason-Dixon line.

While in Congress, Mr. Bocock was made Chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs, serving about ten years in that capacity, and so reformed and advanced the policy of the Navy as to bring favorable comment, not only from the United States but from other nations.

During the dark days from 1861 to 1865, when the best brain and talent was essential for the Confederate Cabinet, Thomas S. Bocock was wisely chosen Speaker of the Confederate Congress, filling that position with great distinction and unsurpassed ability during the entire life of the Confederacy.

As soon as the War closed a wealthy and leading Democratic politician of New York begged Mr. Bocock to come to New York and practice law, guaranteeing him the sum of $20,000.00 per annum until he could establish himself and return to Congress, but to this and other tempting offers he turned a deaf ear, "choosing rather to suffer affliction with his own people than to enjoy the riches of those who had impoverished them.

Soon after the close of the War Between the States, on account of financial conditions, Mr. Bocock moved to Lynchburg and engaged actively in the practice of law, and there the people at once recognized his unsurpassed ability, and always put him forward as the leader and speaker on all important occasions. When the President of the United States visited Lynchburg, he headed the reception committee and delivered the address of welcome. Whenever there was an important political meeting, Thomas S. Bocock was the leading speaker. But with all these attractions held out to him by the city of Lynchburg, they could not hold him, for his old home and friends in Appomattox were still his ideal and foremost in his thoughts. As soon as possible he returned to the soil of his youth which was sacred to him.

During the dark days of reconstruction the compromise Governor

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Grade Students Pick Officers

The Appomattox Grade Student Cooperative Association held its first meeting on October 13. The officers for 1939-40 were installed. They are:

Maurine O'Brien, president
Elizabeth Caldwell, vice president
Fanny Mae Cralle, secretary
Nancy Pat Cheatham, treasurer
Walton Jamerson, reporter
Miss Williams, sponsor.

The room vice-presidents are:

7a, Elizabeth Caldwell
7b, Jimmy Burton
6, Jack Burkey
5, Elizabeth Jamerson
4, Fred Lawson
3, Dan Ligon
3, Nellie Doss
2, Sam Ferguson
2, Alice Giles
1, Barbara Johnson.

We had two visitors, Mrs. Cheatham and Mrs. Kendall Hunter.

The banners for attendance were given to Miss Williams' and Miss Price's rooms; the five-point banners to Mrs. Furbush's and Miss Stratton's rooms; the room banner to Miss William's and Miss Stratton's rooms.

Walton Jamerson, reporter.

Zane Grey, noted novelist, dies.